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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 80 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the Committee will elect its officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda and documentation for the present session were approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1999/205.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

(a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the 1998 session of the Committee

(b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

The Committee will consider applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification from non-governmental organizations and act thereon. The Committee will also consider applications that were deferred from its 1998 session as well as from sessions of prior years.

Documentation

Deferred applications of non-governmental organizations for consultative status: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/1999/R.1 and Add.1)

New applications for consultative status: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/1999/R.2 and addenda)

New requests for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/1999/...)

4. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

In accordance with the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1996/31, such organizations are required to submit, every fourth year, a report on their activities as regards the support they have given to the work of the United Nations. After examining the reports, the Committee may recommend to the Council any reclassification in the status of the organizations concerned that it deems appropriate.

The Committee will consider:

(a) Reports deferred from the 1998 session (see E/1999/10 and Corr.1, para. 26);

(b) Reports submitted by organizations on their activities during the period 1994–1997.

Documentation

Quadrennial reports for the period 1994–1997 (E/C.2/1999/2 and addenda)

5. Implementation of Economic and Social Council decision 1996/302

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 1996/302, decided that the non-governmental organizations referred to in its decision 1993/220 that wished to expand their participation in other fields of the Council should so inform the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

At its resumed 1998 session, the Committee decided to postpone the consideration of the applications of two organizations until the 1999 session of the Committee.

The Committee will also have before it the applications of 18 organizations that have applied for consideration.

Documentation

Conference room paper 1

6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and decision 1995/304

(a) Consideration of special reports

At its resumed 1998 session, the Committee decided to defer to its 1999 session the consideration of special reports submitted by two organizations in consultative status (World Confederation of Labour and International Federation of Women in Legal Careers).

At the same session, the Committee also decided to request two other organizations in consultative status (Indian Movement "Tupaj Amaro" and World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY)) to each submit a special report for consideration at its 1999 session.

(b) Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat

In view of the continuous expansion of the functions and responsibilities of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat to meet the demand of a growing number of applications for consultative status as well as the diverse, more substantive demands of a larger and more active non-governmental organizations community, the Committee suggested, at its resumed 1998 session, that this item remain in the agenda of the Committee.

(c) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations

At its resumed 1998 session, the Committee had before it a summary prepared by the Chairman on a consultation held informally between the Committee and the non-governmental organizations community on the following two issues: accreditation and code of conduct. The Committee decided to continue discussion of these issues at its 1999 session, as a number of delegations needed more time to review the summary.

(d) Consideration of organizations whose defining characteristics are not in strict conformity with the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31

The Committee, at both its regular and resumed 1998 sessions, had expressed the need to discuss the issue of organizations whose defining characteristics were not in strict conformity with the definition of a non-governmental organization as set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

Documentation

Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat: conference room paper

Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations: conference room paper

Consideration of organizations whose defining characteristics are not in strict conformity with the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31: conference room paper

7. **Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/32**

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/32, the Committee will continue its consideration of applications from organizations of indigenous people not in consultative status with the Council that are interested in participating in the open-ended inter-sessional Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration on the rights of indigenous people.

The Committee will consider the application of one organization deferred from its resumed 1998 session.

8. **Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee to be held in the year 2000**

In its resolution 1894 (LVII) of 1 August 1974, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to submit at each session of a subsidiary body of the Council a draft provisional agenda for its following session, together with information relating to documentation.

9. **Adoption of the report of the Committee**

The Committee is required to adopt its report for submission to the Economic and Social Council.